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For: ERGONOMICALLY DESIGNED MULTIFUNCTIONAL TRANSACTION TERMINAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Fig. 2h is a flow diagram illustrating an exemplary encryption routine according to the invention;--

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 5, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figs. 6a-6d are various perspective views of a hybrid reader unit which may be incorporated in a transaction terminal according to the invention;--

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.